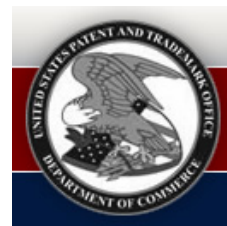




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1. State Council Clarifies SIPO's Mission and Responsibilities:

The [State Council](#) has released a directive which clarifies the mission, responsibilities, and staffing of the State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO). SIPO's mandate now includes the following: organize and coordinate intellectual property protection across China; standardize patent administration; formulate policies concerning foreign intellectual property; develop national work plans for patents and intellectual property; construct a national patent information system; devise methods with other government departments to spread patent information; collect patent statistics, prepare standards for design patents and integrated-circuit layout designs; foster public awareness of IPR; and draft working plans for IPR education and training.

Separately, SIPO will establish a "Protection and Coordination Department," while the "Coordination and Administration Department" will be renamed as the "Patent Administration Department." The mandate of the "International Cooperation Department" will be expanded to include intellectual property matters concerning [Hong Kong](#), [Macau](#), and Taiwan. (Source:

http://english.ipr.gov.cn/ipr/en/info/Article.jsp?a_no=226754&col_no=925&dir=200807.)

2. PTO and SIPO Automation Experts Meet and Discuss Current IT Issues and Future Cooperation:

In Beijing between July 9 and 11, automation experts from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) met with their counterparts from the State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) counterparts to exchange ideas on information-technology (IT) development, planning and management, data and information processing, classification systems, search systems, databases and methodologies, search tools, data exchange, priority-document exchange, electronic file wrappers, and general IT operations. Commissioner of Patents John Doll conferred with SIPO Deputy Commissioner He Hua to discuss methodologies to reduce the patent-pendency period, including a standard patent application format, a common classification system, and work sharing. They agreed to appoint working-level contacts to develop recommendations to reduce pendency. Commissioner Doll also made a 90-minute presentation to over 200 SIPO patent examiners on how the PTO is addressing the patent challenges of the 21st century, resulting in a broad exchange of views. (Source:

http://english.ipr.gov.cn/ipr/en/info/Article.jsp?a_no=222928&col_no=985&dir=200807;

http://english.ipr.gov.cn/ipr/en/info/Article.jsp?a_no=222629&col_no=985&dir=200807; PTO Beijing Participation in PTO/SIPO IT automation experts meeting, July 9, 2008.)

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3. PTO Guangzhou Organizes Conference on IP and Innovation: On July 15, over 180 persons attended the “2008 Pearl River Forum on Intellectual Property and Innovation” in Guangzhou. PTO Guangzhou took the lead in organizing this event, done with the Guangdong Provincial Intellectual Property Office. Representatives came from numerous Chinese Government agencies, law firms, businesses, academic institutions, and press outlets. Guangzhou and Guangdong Television recorded portions of the event. Speakers came from both Chinese and foreign businesses, trade associations, law firms, and academic institutions, including Huawei Technologies, IBM, Procter & Gamble, and Sun Yat-sen University. Two federal judges served as moderators and panelists during the program. The Consul General of the United States Consulate, Guangzhou, as well as the PTO Guangzhou IPR Officer presented opening remarks at the conference. The IPR Officer also moderated a panel, and gave closing remarks. Media coverage was positive. The conference succeeded in cementing PTO Guangzhou’s stature and raising the Consulate’s profile. (Source: PTO Guangzhou, July 15, 2008.)

Please find two links to press reports.

1. 中美专家羊城共论知识产权保护及创新

"Chinese and American Experts together discuss Intellectual Property and Innovation in Ram City"
<http://www.gd.chinanews.com.cn/2008/2008-07-15/8/77079.shtml>

07-15-2008 Guangdong Branch, China News Agency

2. 2008 Pearl River Forum on IP and Innovation
Held in Guangzhou

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